

**Amendments To The Specification:**

On page 7 of the specification please replace the paragraph starting on line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

a<sup>1</sup> The invention is also directed to a stent such as that shown generally at 200 in Fig. 5, having a proximal end 202 and a distal end 204 and comprising a plurality of first and second alternating serpentine bands 208 and 206 where the first serpentine bands 208 are of one geometry and the second serpentine bands 206 are of a geometry different than the first serpentine bands. Each of the first and second serpentine bands has a proximal end and a distal end. Each second serpentine band 206 is connected to one proximally adjacent first serpentine band 208 via a plurality of first connectors 216a,b and to one distally adjacent first serpentine band via a plurality of second connectors 218a,b. Each second serpentine band 206 is characterized by a repeating pattern of two or more consecutive first 216a,b connectors extending distally from the second serpentine band followed by two or more ~~first~~ second connectors 218a,b extending proximally from the second serpentine band 206.

On page 8 of the specification after line 13 and before line 14 please insert the following paragraph:

a<sup>2</sup> In some embodiments, examples of which are shown in FIGs. 5 and 6, the serpentine bands 208 and 206 of the stent 200 have a plurality of peaks 211 and troughs 209.